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SITUATIONAL REPORT

Cleveland Field Office

Republican National Convention; 17-21 July 2016

INTELLIGENCE/OPERATIONAL SITREP #10

20/21 July 2016 Time: 1900 to 0700 shift

SPECIAL EVENT SUMMARY

(U//LES) On 16 July 2016 at 0600, the Cleveland Field Office (CV) in support of the US Secret Service and Cleveland Police Department initiated an Intelligence Operations Center (IOC)/Command Post (CP) as both a proactive and reactive/responsive security measure to the 17-21 July 2016 Republican National Convention (RNC), Cleveland, Ohio. The FBI's mission is to: 1) attempt to identify and pre-empt any threat issues foreign terrorist organizations, domestic terrorism organizations or criminal enterprise actors pose to the special event; 2) respond to, investigate, and mitigate threat actors during the RNC within the CV AOR.

SPECIAL EVENT SCENE SETTER

(U//LES) The 2016 RNC will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from 17-21 July 2016. Due to the RNC's significant national, political, and symbolic importance, the 2016 RNC will receive extensive national and international media coverage. A number of extremist and anarchist groups intent on disrupting the event and/or conducting criminal activity have targeted past conventions and CV anticipates the 2016 RNC will see similar activity given the current political and economic climates. In addition, unsecured internet usage could increase identity theft and other cyber crimes, local businesses may be tempted to circumvent hiring regulations in order to better serve the influx of visitors, potentially drawing labor or sex traffickers to the region, and foreign countries may attempt to advance their counterintelligence activities for the duration of the RNC. The 2016 RNC is designated a National Special Security Event (NSSE).

INTELLIGENCE UPDATES

(U//FOUO) As of 20 July 2016 at 1900 hours there were no known credible threats in relation to the RNC.

(U//LES) **Incident #1:** On 21 July, an individual placed stickers on Cleveland Police Department (CPD) officers stationed in and around Tower City. The address label-type stickers featured a cartoon blue elephant with the words "I'm f***ing awesome". No CPD officers reported being symptomatic.

(U//LES) **Analysis and investigation:** A Joint Hazardous Assessment Team interviewed an officer that received a sticker and collected it for potential analysis by the Cleveland Fire Training Academy. A photo of the sticker was sent to the IOC and I-teams for situational awareness, interview, and potential detention of the sticker gifter.

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(U//LES) Incident #2: On 19 July, seven or eight men wearing masks and throwing bottles in downtown Cleveland pushed police officers and tried to break through police lines. The men departed the area in two cars that traveled to an identified address in Lorain, Ohio, where three men stayed. Both cars continued to an identified address in Elyria, Ohio, where four to five men stayed the night.

(U//LES) Analysis and investigation: On 20 July, FBI Cleveland interviewed the owners of the cars and residences. Disposition is pending evaluation of the interviews.

(U//LES) Incident #3: On 18 July, the user of an identified Twitter account posted threatening messages against police officers.

(U//LES) Analysis and investigation: FBI Cincinnati plans to interview the user of the Twitter account on 21 July.

INVESTIGATIVE UPDATES

(U//LES) Investigative activity summary:

| | 7/17 | 7/18 | 7/19 | 7/20 as of 1900 | 7/21 | Total |
|----------------------|------|------|------|-----------------|------|-------|
| Bomb Squad Callouts | 10 | 12 | 12 | 8 | | 42 |
| SWAT Call Outs | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| Interviews Conducted | 9 | 4 | 1 | 6 | | 20 |
| Total | 20 | 16 | 14 | 15 | | 65 |

PLANNED EVENTS

| Date | Session Times at Quicken Loans Arena |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Thursday, 21 July | 1930-2300 hours |

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